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METHOD)

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-280012
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2-229547
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 57-127426
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2-56250
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 54-21956
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 50-59282
7. Japanese Patent Application No. 50-157258
8. Japanese Patent Application No. 50-53296
9. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-275656 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

An English-language abstract of document nos. 1-5 and no. 9 is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English document nos. 1-8 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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